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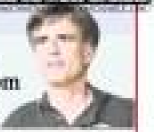
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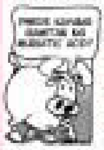
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Keyboards can be dirtier than toilets, says study



CANBERRA—THINK twice before eating those dropped crumbs off your computer keyboard—you might as well be eating off a toilet seat, according to a new study on the amount of

KEYBOARDS A4

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Honest Pinoy cabbie inspires, even after death

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
Inquirer Visayas

ILOILO CITY—THRUST INTO INTERNATIONAL fame four years ago, Nestor Burgos then said: "I could not ask for more. Also even if I die, I feel that I have become a role model for the younger generations."

The Filipino migrant, who was hailed as

HONEST A2

Probe Hanjin bribe raps, Senate urged

Shipyard builder denies P400-M offer to mayor

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

OPPOSITION LAWmakers yesterday called for a Senate inquiry into allegations of bribery and extortion in the construction of one of the country's biggest foreign-funded projects—a $2-billion shipyard being built in Mindanao by South Korean investors.

The call for the probe followed accusations of extortion made by South Korea's Hanjin Heavy Industries Inc. against some mayors, and a counterclaim by one of the mayors that the company had offered him a P400-million bribe to clear the way for the project in Misamis Oriental.

Hanjin has denied offering a bribe.

The shipping facility, under construction inside the Phividec Industrial Estate on Mindanao's northern tip, is expected to create at least 48,000 jobs for skilled workers and will have a capacity of 800,000 tons per year when completed.

Interior Secretary Ronaldo Puno on Friday said he had ordered the Philippine National Police to investigate the conflicting allegations.

Puno said the probe was ordered by President Macapagal-Arroyo after Hanjin complained of extortion by the mayors of Tagoloan and Villanueva towns in Misamis Oriental, in exchange for the approval of environmental and business

PROBE HANJIN A22



STREET ART Makati residents, led by social realists Edgar Talusan-Fernandez and Neil Doloricon, turn Ayala Avenue in the heart of the country's financial district into a giant canvas for nature-inspired chalk images as the city celebrates its 338th founding day.

Only 6 Metro areas with rice card lists

By Jocelyn R. Uy and TJ Burgonio

MORE THAN 14,000 POOR households in five cities and a town in Metro Manila have been confirmed as qualified to receive rice cards, but the identification of beneficiaries in other Metro cities is moving at a snail's pace, the Department of Social Welfare and Development said yesterday.

The 14,665 families verified to be eligible to receive the so-called access cards that would allow them to buy government-subsidized rice were from Pateros and the cities of Pasay, Navotas, Caloocan, Las Piñas and Malabon, according to a report from the DSWD-National Capital Region.

Among the cities that have yet to submit a master list of poor households deserving of the cards were—as of yesterday—Mandaluyong, Manila, Parañaque, Pasig, Quezon, San Juan, Taguig and Valenzuela, according to the report submitted to Social Welfare Secretary Esperanza Cabral.

The initial list showed that 5,240 poor families had been found eligible to receive the cards in Pasay; 608 in Navotas; 2,325 in Pateros; 4,642 in Caloocan; 1,348 in Las Piñas, and 518 in Malabon.

"The complete list of the intended cardholders submitted to us per barangay will be the basis of our verification," Assistant Regional Director Patricia Luna said.

"It is not the validation that is slow but the identification of families by the local government units," Cabral told the Inquirer in a phone interview. "The DSWD validates the list as soon as these LGUs give the names to us."

Under government guide-

ONLY 6 A4

GMA call for power rate review defended

By Christine O. Avendaño and Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

CONCERN ABOUT HIGH ELECtricity rates—not a push against the Lopez family and Manila Electric Co.—prompted President Macapagal-Arroyo to go before state energy regulators, Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita said yesterday.

Ermita made the statement after lawmakers questioned Ms Arroyo's move calling for big business to back her petition against Meralco, saying it was just "a continuation" of her fight against the Lopez family.

He said Ms Arroyo called him late Thursday to ask about the status of the government's petition with the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) seeking the lowering of Meralco's power rates in Luzon.

At the time, Ermita said, the President was reviewing the speech she was to deliver to a gathering of businessmen the next day, where she called for support in the "tough legal

GMA CALL A22

GMA battles Lopezes in failed ways

By Amando Doronila

ANALYSIS

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARroyo has reopened the wars waged by two former Presidents—Ferdinand Marcos and her father Diosdado Macapagal—against the politically influential Lopez family.

On Friday, Ms Arroyo called on two friendly federations of business chambers to join the government in a "tough legal fight" to wrest control of the utility firm Meralco from the Lopezes.

In the epic battles mounted by Macapagal in the 1960s and by Marcos in the 1970s, the two

GMA BATTLES A22

ADB readies emergency aid for food crisis

MADRID, SPAIN—THE ASIAN Development Bank (ADB) has announced emergency funding to help poor countries struggling with soaring food prices and warned these could keep rising and stifle economic growth in the region.

"The cheap food era may be over," ADB president Haruhiko Kuroda told a news conference on Saturday in Madrid where the bank was holding its annual meeting.

The new aid will come in the form of soft loans for the governments of countries hardest hit by the global food crisis, such as Bangladesh.

Kuroda declined to give an overall figure for this expenditure, saying it would depend on requests that governments

ADB READIES A22

CLIMATE CHANGE

Tougher challenges for world's farmers

SINGAPORE—IF FARMERS think they are having a tough time producing enough rice, wheat and other grain crops, global warming is going to present a whole new world of challenges in the race to produce more food, according to scientists.

In a warmer world beset by greater extremes of droughts and floods, farmers would have to change crop management practices, grow tougher plant varieties and get ready for constant change in the way they operate.

"There certainly are going to be lots of challenges in the future. Temperature is one of them, water is another," said Lisa Ainsworth, a molecular biologist with the US Department of Agriculture.

Soaring grain prices in recent months have startled governments long used to affordable rice, wheat, soy and maize. But rising demand, greater climate variability and more fluctuations in crop output can only mean even more uncertainty for prices.

Current estimates suggest demand for cereals will jump by more than 50 percent by 2050 as the world's population rises from 6.6 billion to about 9 billion.

The world has already warmed by about 0.7 degrees

TOUGHER A22



A VIEW TO A TILL A farmer starts planting in the Ifugao rice terraces, emboldened by the current high demand for the staple.

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Malaysia may quit peace talks

Facilitator's role imperiled by RP inaction, says defense chief

WHAT'S INSIDE

By [illegible] and Jeoffrey Maitem, Inquirer Mindanao

COTABATO CITY—THE CHIEF OF MALAYSIA'S defense force, Gen. Tan Sri Dato' Sri Abdul Aziz bin Hj Zainal, met with leaders of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) on Saturday at the guerrillas' main camp in Sultan Kudarat to formally bid them farewell.

According to Ghazali Jaafar, MILF vice chair for political affairs, Aziz told them during his two-hour visit in Camp Darapanan that Malaysia "will totally abandon its role as the main facilitator in the peace talks" if nothing more happens after their pullout.

"We discussed several sensitive issues. But you cannot expect us to divulge it to the public. We also don't know what will happen to other member-countries in the IMT after the pullout of Malaysia," Jaafar told the Inquirer.

Malaysia, blaming the Philippine government for the lack of progress in the peace talks with the Muslim separatists, announced the pullout of its contingent in the Mindanao-based International Monitoring Team (IMT), a body formed by the Organization of the Islamic Conference to monitor the 2003 ceasefire between the government and the rebel group.

The country also hosts the peace talks in its capital Kuala Lumpur.

With over 40 troops stationed here, Malaysia had the largest contingent in the 60-member IMT, which includes representatives from Brunei and Libya. A Japanese development expert is also a member of the team.

The peace negotiations hit a snag last December over the MILF's demand for a declaration of ancestral domain and, on the other hand, the government's insistence that it follow "constitutional processes."

In Manila, Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez, a member of the Cabinet's national security cluster, remarked yesterday that the Malaysian pullout was an "obstacle" that would have a "psychological impact" on the ongoing peace efforts, but he stressed that "all is not lost here."

RP still has friends

"We still have the Organization of the Islamic Conference backing the peace process," Gonzalez said in a phone interview.

"Indonesia is not abandoning us, they are our best friends here," he said, noting that Libyan leader Muammar Khadaffy had also indicated he wanted to help the Philippines in its bid to achieve peace in the South.

"The door is still open for the peace process and we are doing everything to make it successful," he said.

Gonzalez said the Cabinet security cluster and President Macapagal-Arroyo had been discussing the peace process "since two months ago."

"Malaysia informed the government it was pulling out by September. But suddenly Malaysian officials advanced the pullout. "We can't read the Malaysians here," Gonzalez said.

Last week, Malaysian facilitator Othman Abdul Razak was reported as saying the Philippine government was to blame for derailing the peace talks with the MILF.

Gonzalez, however, insisted the government had to carefully study its position in the ongoing peace effort because the demands being pushed by the MILF "could lead to secession."

"We cannot balkanize the Philippines ... we cannot allow an East Timor or an Aceh situation," he said, referring to areas that had seen secession.

Including Tondo

Gonzalez cited the demand of the MILF to declare its own citizenship and to peg its ancestral domain in every area in Mindanao where there are Muslims.

"Pati Tondo sa daddy (Even Tondo is theirs)," he quipped.

The Justice secretary said he did not think any government would agree to "leave a door ajar to secession."

The government also cannot sign an agreement that will go against the Constitution, Gonzales said, adding that this would be an "impeachable offense."

"The President wants the peace process to succeed before her term expires in 2010," he said.

Lack of will

A bishop of the Roman Catholic Church in Mindanao, however, criticized the government for its lack of political will to solve the conflict in the South.

South Cotabato Bishop Dinualdo Gutierrez said in an interview yesterday over Church-run Radio Mabini that local religious groups sat down to talk in Davao last week and agreed to work together for peace and to respect each other's beliefs.

"I don't know about the government. It seems that their political will is questionable."

Meanwhile, in Lanao del Sur, the chair of the Local Monitoring Team, Agakhan Sharief, reported that the Philippine Army had been moving troops into MILF areas without coordinating with the IMT. He said this was alarming residents because encounters could occur.

With a report by Marquez Ch-ilo

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Ex-Calumpit mayor shot dead

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Owwa loan fund loses P70M after OFWs fail to pay up

By Margaux C. Ortiz

TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, GOOD GOVERNANCE AND TEAMWORK

OUR ANSWERS TO HELP US GET OVER THE HUMP AS WE FACE THE WORST CRISIS IN 30 YEARS.

The worst crisis in 30 years are upon us. Food is in short supply and has become doubly expensive. Energy prices are the highest on record.

The higher the prices of food and energy, the greater is the number of people who join the ranks of the poor. They cut back on their food and have little left for their health and the education of their children. That situation often leads to desperation – which is bad for government and for business.

The way to approach the twin problems of the high cost of food and energy is not to panic. ***There are time-tested solutions and they don't cost much. Like Transparency, Accountability, Good Governance, Teamwork.*** They have worked before. There is no reason why they can't work now.

Escalating costs of basic commodities such as food, fuel and energy are a global concern. Over and above the remedial measures being undertaken by government and all concerned, it is imperative that the consuming public be informed of price increases before hand so that adjustments in consumption habits can be adopted.

The following are COPW'S stand and recommendations on current issues:

A. THE CONSUMER AND OIL PRICE WATCH FULLY SUPPORTS THE DSWD AHON PAMILYANG PINOY PROGRAM FAMILY ACCESS CARD. THE COPW IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE DSWD FOR THE PROGRAM IN PASAY IN 37 BARANGAYS OR 17,490 DEPRESSED FAMILIES.

Here is how it works (in Pasay):

- Only the DSWD will serve as the Control and Distribution Center for the Access Cards.
- Beneficiaries are residents validated to be poor or families with total monthly income of **P5,000** or less.
- Beneficiaries are entitled to buy cheap rice from the National Food Authority (NFA) in Metro Manila for only **P18.25 per kilo. The limit is seven kilos of rice weekly or P127.75 per week.**
- The NFA has to do an inventory of its rice stocks covered by the access cards. The COPW shall request from the DSWD an inventory and distribution report for the NFA rice in Pasay. The rice distributed must correspond to the number of families with access cards times the number of kilos of rice allotted per family per week.

If the Program can work in Pasay, it can be duplicated in other poor areas as well. This is why the COPW urges business and civic groups to ***"Adopt a Barangay"*** using the Pasay template.

That's how good things start – in small measured steps that eventually multiply a hundred, or a thousand times.

We have the capacity and willingness to help the poorest of our countrymen. **Business organizations** like the PCCI, the Federation of Filipino Chinese Chambers of Commerce, the Makati Business Club, the Management Association of the Philippines, Finex, the Bankers Association of the Philippines, as well as other trade and industry associations.

Of course, **civic organizations** like the Rotary, Lions, Jaycees and Kiwanis are not far behind. Finally, the **religious communities and congregations.** Helping the poor is good governance. Transparency, accountability and teamwork enable it to be more effective and to spread the benefits to the greater number who constitute the poor among us.

B. POWER RATES WILL LIKELY INCREASE IN MAY AND JUNE

COPW is informing residential consumers, manufacturers in the industrial and export zones, as well as commercial establishments to brace themselves for further increases in electricity cost in May and or June because of the following reasons:

1. The cost of fuel, coal and natural gas used to generate power have all increased.
2. The depreciation of the peso from a strong P 39 to the dollar to the current P 42.25 to the dollar rate today.
3. The onset of the summer season and low water levels in the hydro power plants.

In the light of these developments COPW strongly suggests the following:

1. **STRICT ADHERENCE TO ERC RESOLUTION NO.5, SERIES OF 2007**
   This ERC resolution **directs all distribution utilities to post in their respective websites the breakdown of their generation charges,** including but not limited to their sources.
2. **TOTAL TRANSPARENCY AND FULL PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY** in reporting actual generation and transmission costs to ensure reasonable prices.
   - **COPW** will meet with senior officials of **DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES** (DUs) and **electric cooperatives** to request for a **breakdown of where they purchase power.**
   - Likewise, COPW will meet with **NPC** senior officials and **other IPPs** to request them to post in their respective websites their compliance reports. Additionally, we will request from the **NPC a breakdown of NPC owned and operated power plants as well as NPC-IPPs owned and operated by independent power producers.**
   - COPW will also receive from WESM a weekly report on fluctuations in electricity rates due to plant breakdowns and/or shutdowns. **As a public service to consumers, COPW will publish reports on said fluctuations of electricity rates.**

C. TRANSPARENCY ON OIL PRICES

Oil Prices, according to the new oil players will increase local pump prices of diesel by **P 6.00 and gasoline by P 2.00.**

Therefore, COPW is requesting the DOE to show the consuming public the reason for such increases and if the increases in local pump prices are correct based on the inventories of the oil players.

This request is pursuant to **Section 14d and 11 of the Oil Deregulation Law** giving the DOE the duty to ensure transparency in oil price hikes. **The COPW will request the DOE/DOJ Task Force must meet at least once a week so that they can duly inform the public of impending price increases.**

COPW appeals to the oil companies to institutionalize a Policy of Transparency for the benefit of consumers. The DOE has data on volume, cost and inventory period covered that can be cross checked against tariff paid even before oil shipments actually arrive. **The DOE can use this information to foresee and inform the public of price increases.**

In **May and June,** we expect the worse price increases on fuel and basic commodities and this will greatly affect the poor and even the middle income group. Therefore, **COPW reiterates its appeal to Government to use the proceeds from the VAT as subsidy to cushion the impact of price increases.**

Come July, if prices of fuel and basic commodities have stabilized, government may opt to reduce the subsidies it accorded from VAT proceeds.

The worse is yet to come and we can only weather this global economic storm if we are united and determined to work hand in hand for our common good.

For online posting of COPW issues, log on to **http://groups.yahoo.com/group/COPW/**

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We will appreciate getting feedback from you.
Text 0917-8103363 if you agree or have any comments on the COPW position. Thank you.

Next military chief seen to strengthen entire force

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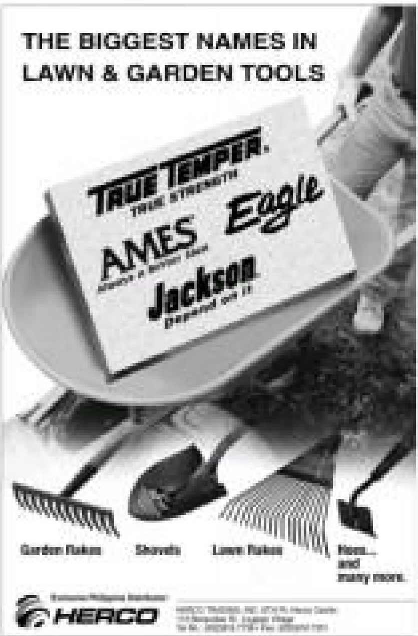
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Rights exec's sacking upheld

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE SUPREME Court has affirmed the dismissal of a Commission on Human Rights official for dishonesty and conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the service [illegible]

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General's trial for perjury to continue

By Jocelyn R. Uy

THE SANDIGANBAYAN won't let former military chief of staff Lisandro Abadia off the hook for allegedly falsifying his statement of assets, liabilities and net worth (SALN) in 1992.

The antigraft court's First Division dismissed Abadia's petition for a demurrer to evidence, ruling that government prosecutors have enough testimonial and documentary evidence to pin him down.

In a resolution penned by Associate Justice Alexander Gesmundo, the First Division also ordered the retired military officer, previously linked to the massive corruption in the Armed Forces of the Philippines' Retirement and Separation Benefits System, to begin presenting his evidence on May 13.

Earlier, Abadia sought the dismissal of the perjury case the Office of the Ombudsman filed against him in 2001, saying that government lawyers had failed to present enough evidence to support his conviction.

The Ombudsman accused the retired general of falsifying his 1992 SALN by declaring cash income of more than P2.5 million from the alleged sale of land he owned in Talisay, Cebu, in 1992.

But government prosecutors presented to the antigraft court documents obtained from the Bureau of Internal Revenue and the Talisay Registry of Deeds that showed the property was sold for a measly P200,000.

"[Abadia] should explain the apparent conflict between the entry in his 1992 SALN and the documents presented by the prosecution," the court ruled.

In his motion for a demurrer to evidence, Abadia cited the case of former President Joseph Estrada, who was acquitted of perjury by the Sandiganbayan.

Abadia pointed out that he should have been given a chance to correct his SALN if there was an error on the document.

But the court dismissed Abadia's contention and clarified that Estrada was charged for an incomplete SALN while Abadia was indicted for "including a fictitious or belated sale of real property to justify an increase in his net worth."

In 1996, Abadia was recommended for prosecution by the Senate blue ribbon committee for alleged anomalies in the management of the soldiers' pension fund.

But he has no pending graft cases against him in connection with RSBS.

Mendiola still no-rally zone

DESPITE THE PROTEST RALLIES AT THE site being peaceful last Labor Day, the area around Mendiola Chino Roces (Mendiola) Bridge that leads to Malacañang will continue to be a "no-rally" zone, the Philippine National Police said Friday.

PNP Director General Avelino Razon said keeping the area a "no rally" zone would also benefit students taking summer classes in schools in the area.

"Yes, (it will remain a no-rally zone) because it's in the University Belt. The interests of the students are what we are watching out for," Razon said.

He said any group wishing to hold a rally at the bridge would have to obtain a permit from the Manila City government.

Two militant groups held rallies at the bridge on Labor Day on May 1. The PNP raised its alert level but by mid-afternoon declared the mass actions to be generally peaceful.

The police attributed this to the series of dialogues it held with local government officials and rally organizers.

"It would be up to the local government to grant permits. We always sit down and dialogue with them (rally organizers)," Razon said.

Alcuin Papa

The Daily Gospel

Monday, May 5, 2008
7th Week of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 19:1-8
Gospel: Jn 16:29-33

The disciples said to Jesus, "Now you are speaking plainly and not in veiled language! Now we see that you know all things, even before we question you. Because of this we believe that you came from God."

Jesus answered them, "You say that you believe? The hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each one to his home, and you will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me.

"I have told you all this, so that in me you may have peace. You will have trouble in the world. But courage! I have overcome the world."

Commentary

Jesus knew the difficulties that His followers would face in living out the faith. Disciples of Jesus are not exempt from suffering. In fact, they are targets of persecution.

But suffering for the sake of the Gospel is a privilege, and when we unite our sufferings with His we participate in His work of redemption. [illegible]

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It's still summer despite the rains, Pagasa says

VACATIONERS AND beach bums need not worry: summer ain't over until the last week of May.

The heavy rains that drenched wide swathes of the country, including Metro Manila, the last few days were caused by two weather conditions, according to the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa).

The tail-end of a cold front was spotted hovering over southern Luzon while an inter-tropical convergence zone (ITCZ) was monitored ushering scattered rain showers and thunderstorms into the Visayas and Mindanao.

"The tail-end of a cold front affecting southern Luzon, including Metro Manila, is moving eastward southward," Pagasa weather forecaster Lorly Arias told the Inquirer over the phone yesterday.

A heavy downpour in the metropolis on Thursday triggered the deaths of at least four people in a Quezon City slum when rising rain waters rushed through their neighborhood and toppled a concrete wall that fell on them.

Arias said that based on their satellite monitoring, the skies are expected to clear beginning today.

Isolated rain showers and thunderstorms—due to the intense heat on the ground—will be experienced in the afternoon and evenings until May 8, Arias said.

The Visayas and Mindanao will continue to experience cloudy skies and rains as long as the ITCZ—the point at which the winds from the northern and southern hemispheres meet—is prevailing, she said.

"Based on our forecasts, the rainy season could begin in the last week of May," Arias said.

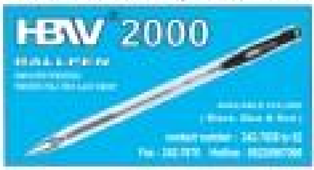
Pagasa predicted that one or two tropical cyclones will enter the Philippine area of responsibility this month. *Jocelyn R. Uy*

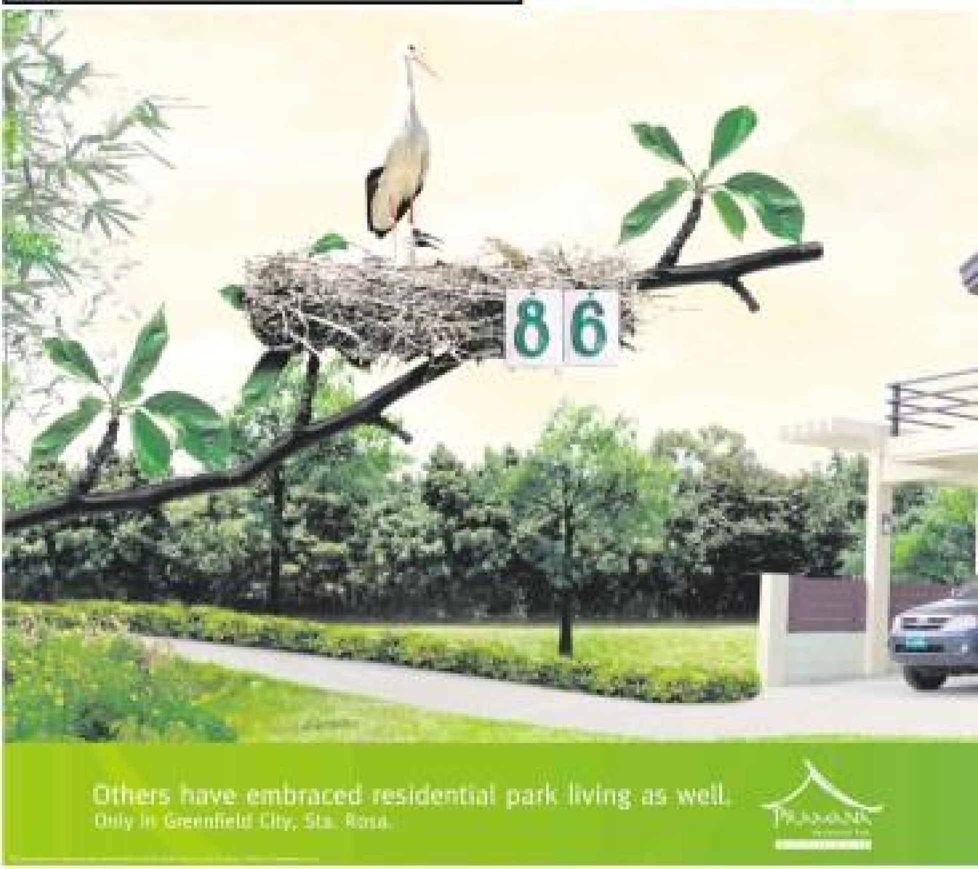
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RP, UK mull pact vs sex offenders



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[illegible] Orpallano said United-based Kababayan also helped them get in touch with their agency in Manila, Sagar Manning, and the Philippine Embassy in the United Kingdom.

The embassy and the agency worked together on their repatriation and shouldered their plane fare, Orpallano said.

They have filed claims of P49,000 each covering two weeks of work on the fishing vessel. The boat went out on waters off Killybegs for four to five days at a time to catch prawns.

The other crew members included Pellerazio Asanda, twin brothers Rogelio and Roberto Pelona, Dionito Belbes, Mario Pascol, Nicky Monsadillo and Jonathan Luchan.

According to figures of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Ireland is home to some 11,500 Filipinos, most of whom work in health care, hotels and information technology.

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One public servant, just doing his job

Across the NATION

Nolcom rebuffs Palparan bid to sack officer

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—THE CHIEF OF THE military's Northern Luzon Command on Saturday rejected the demand of retired Army Maj. Gen. Jovito Palparan Jr. to relieve the chief of the Army's 7th Infantry Division.

'My superiors know me and who [Palparan] is, and who is telling the truth or not'

Takeover

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Rescue of kidnapped Indian trader launched

COTABATO CITY—POLICE HAVE launched a regionwide manhunt against the abductors of an Indian trader who was reportedly snatched on Friday.



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Manila - Legaspi v.v.
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DOJ files drug smuggling charges against Osmeña son

Jurisdiction

4 years

Floods displace 100 people

Cebu buses to 'raise' fares by P3.50

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GRAND CHAMPION

Crocodile attack on boy prompts calls to curb mangrove bark trade

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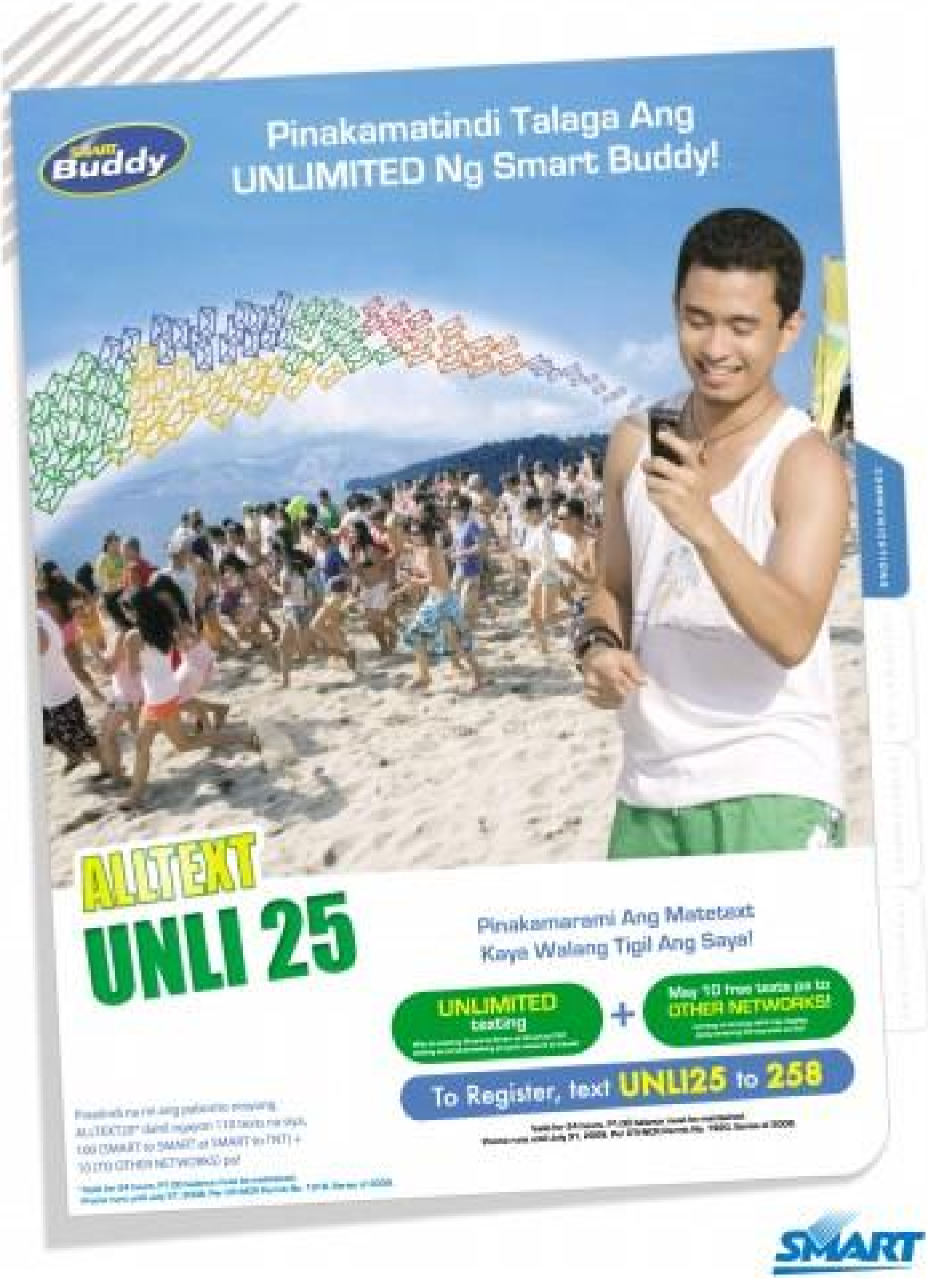
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Meralco Supports Call for Lower Power Rates

Meralco welcomes NPC's move to lower its generation rates to P3.52/kWh

• Meralco will immediately pass through any generation cost reduction to electricity consumers.

• In fact, through a Memorandum of Agreement, NPC and Meralco have already been implementing an Ecozone Rate Program that has significantly reduced the power rates of PEZA economic zone locators. The following shows the average total industrial rate last January 2008 of some of the largest ecozones served by Meralco:

Economic Zone	Total Average Industrial Rate (P/kWh)	Economic Zone	Total Average Industrial Rate (P/kWh)
Laguna Technopark	5.0799	Carmelray Industrial Park I	5.0729
Gateway Business Park	4.5984	Cardaburg Premiere Industrial Park	4.8999
Laguna International Industrial Park	5.1584	First Cavite Industrial Estate	5.0624
Light Industry & Science Park 1	4.8704	First Philippine Industrial Park	4.9085
Light Industry & Science Park II	4.2134	Fixed Terminal Inc.	4.7208

Meralco's IPP's have reduced the overall cost of power to Meralco consumers

• As required by the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) for all distribution utilities, Meralco publishes its monthly purchased power cost data (generation and transmission cost) on its website (www.meralco.com.ph/Corporate/rates/rates.htm).

• The following table summarizes Meralco's purchased power cost for the first quarter of 2008 and shows that the cost of Meralco's IPP's, including their corresponding transmission cost, is significantly lower than the cost of other suppliers.

Energy Source	Volume (GWh)	Average Generation Cost (P/kWh)	Transmission Cost (P/kWh)	Cost of Purchased Power (P/kWh)
NPC				
NPC TSC	1,059	4.7080	1.5302	6.2068
NPC Special Programs*	1,203	3.9814	1.5345	5.5159
WESM	815	6.2188	1.2027	7.6205
Subtotal	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
IPPs				
Quezon Power	811	4.8831	0.8652	5.9953
First Gas - Sta. Rita	1,900	4.1574	0.8469	5.8042
First Gas - San Lorenzo	1,203	4.1994	[illegible]	5.7128
Subtotal**	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Total	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Meralco's distribution charges are not the cause of high power rates in the Philippines

* Special programs include the Ecozone Rate, DOPS, SunPower, etc.

** IPPs subtotal includes PNppocelco

• Meralco has not been allowed to increase its distribution charge since June 2003.

• For the first quarter of 2008, the total of all Meralco-related charges (distribution, supply, and metering charges) was P0.95/kWh, representing less than 13% of the entire electricity bill. The other components are as follows:

Bill Component	Share to total
Generation Charge	65%
Transmission Charge	13%
System Loss Charge	8%
Meralco distribution, supply, metering	13%
Other Charges (subsidies, franchise tax, VAT, universal charge)	0%
Total	100%

• Meralco's distribution charge to residential customers is lower for small residential customers.

Electricity Consumption Bracket	Number of residential customers (Breakdown as of December 2007)	Share to total residential count	Distribution charge (Pesos per kWh)
1 to 200 kWh	3,103,408	76.7%	0.6729
201 to 300 kWh	419,884	11.8%	0.8755
301 to 400 kWh	198,000	4.9%	1.1828
Over 400 kWh	355,138	6.6%	1.6615

• Meralco's distribution charge also rewards efficient industrial users. Those with a load factor of 75% will have a total distribution charge (inclusive of supply and metering charges) of less than P0.25/kWh.

• *For transparency, Meralco urges the publication of the distribution charges of all distribution utilities in the country.*

Almost half or close to two million of all Meralco residential customers already enjoy preferential rates through lifeline subsidies

• Lifeline subsidies are discounts given to marginalized electricity consumers. Marginalized end-users of Meralco, defined by the ERC as residential customers using 100kWh or less each month, receive a discount depending on electricity usage:

Electricity Consumption	Discount
1 to 50 kWh	50%
51 to 70 kWh	35%
71 to 100 kWh	20%

• Last April 2008, a 50-kWh residential consumer paid a total rate of only P4.45/kWh, which is even lower than the Generation Charge component of P4.9073/kWh.

• Lifeline subsidies mitigate the impact of any power rate increase, including any increase in generation or transmission charges.

The WORLD

Brown's leadership questioned after rout



BROWN

LONDON—BRITISH PRIME MINISTER GORDON Brown's leadership was thrown into question Saturday after his ruling Labour party suffered a local election drubbing capped by the loss of the prize of London mayor.

More Chinese children die from virus

Other countries hit



A CHILD receives a medical check from a kind of intestinal virus, identified as enterovirus 71 or EV-71, at a kindergarten in Fuyang, Anhui province, on May 4.

Sister of Fritzl wife says 'incest dad' a tyrant, instilled fear

95 days to the 29th Summer Olympics

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Valenzuela tops race to Baguio

Bikathon big guns fail to keep pace





RP Youth 5 'still lacks killer's instinct'

So young, so brilliant

Toast of local chess completes Battle of GMs conquest



PCCr downs PUP, moves 2 wins away from sweep

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Reyes-Alcano duel for title of Pinoy rotation king



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Cebu squad USJR, Ateneo in big starts



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Junior PBA: Tongco powers Alaska boys past Ginebra

Sharks repulse Bulls

Unibikers nip Mariners; Dolphins rout Pilgrims



Asia Pacific Junior golf gets going at Sherwood

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Sisos claim 3 net titles, bidding for 2 more



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TRIUMPH, TRAGEDY

Big Brown scores big victory



Man United zeroes in on Premier League title

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Nadal, Ferrer forge Barcelona net final



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BUSINESS
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Gov't scales down growth target for 2008

Cites global slowdown, surging prices of food, fuel

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE PHILIPPINES HAS scaled down its domestic economic growth outlook for this year after a banner performance in 2007 given the dampening impact of a US-led global slowdown and skyrocketing food and fuel prices.

Based on the new estimates as comprises circulated within the government's inter-agency Development Budget Coordination Committee, the country's gross domestic product (GDP) was now seen expanding at a slower pace of 6-6.7 percent this year from an earlier target of 6.3-7 percent.

"We have to revise because there will be slower growth in production is affected by increasing oil and food prices," Economic Planning Secretary Augusto Santos said.

He said the new targets would still have to be formally approved in a Cabinet-level DBCC meeting in about two weeks. But the numbers presented in an ongoing information, including the revised growth forecast of 6-6.7 percent, already included inputs

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P8-B Cagayan airport to break ground this year

By Ronnel W. Domingo

INVESTMENTS AND TOURISM REVENUES are expected to flow stronger into Cagayan Valley as the Cagayan Special Economic Zone and Freeport prepares for this year's construction of an P8-billion airport.

Jose Mari B. Ponce, administrator and chief executive of the Cagayan Economic Zone Authority, said in a statement that the project, which will be undertaken through a joint venture with First Cagayan Leisure and Resort Corp., would cement the area's status as the main hub for investments and tourism earnings in the region.

Ponce said the planned international airport would transform the free port into a major transshipment point for trade in the Asia-Pacific rim, competing with the likes of Hong Kong and Singapore.

The project involves a planned international airport designed to accommodate Boeing 737s and is targeted to start operations in 2010.

Cagayan Valley or Region 2 groups the northeastern Luzon provinces of Cagayan, Isabela, Nueva Vizcaya, Quirino and Batanes.

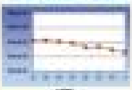
Ponce said a six-month feasibility study was expected to be completed by mid-2008, which may allow the project to break ground within the year.

Citing the National Economic and Development Authority's 2007 regional economic situationer for Cagayan Valley, Ponce said the CEZA had listed a total of 70 locator firms that have committed to invest P8.19 billion—representing up to 3,226 jobs—since its creation in 1995.

Ponce said that as a major economic hub

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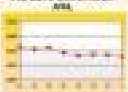
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STOCK MARKET

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Listless trading seen

INFLATION WORRIES WILL CONTINUE to dampen local stocks this week although positive first quarter earnings of listed firms could provide trading opportunities for investors, according to market watchers.

Any indication that local firms are weathering the ongoing economic slowdown well may give the Philippine Stock Exchange index (PSEi) its first positive weekly performance, specially if the pace of increase in consumer prices remains benign in April.

"Inflation is still the main concern as they will continue to be on the minds of investors," said Unicapital equities research adviser Erico Obedio. "Sentiment is still negative."

Last week, the local stock market lost 14.08 points or 1.08 percent from the previous week. The PSEi started at the major psychological support level of 2,777, and by the end of the week had fallen to 2,722.90.

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Are Filipinos entrepreneurial?

No Free Lunch



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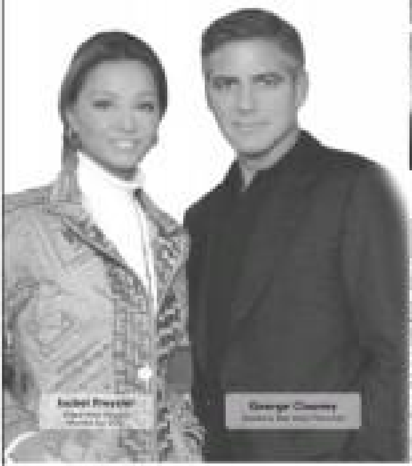
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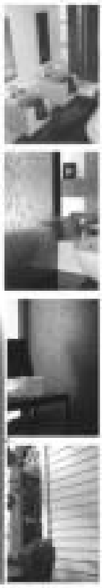
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Aussie firm expands RP drilling program

By Abigail L. Ho







The Manila Doctors Hospital Endoscopy Unit: An Institution Worthy Of Trust

A medical institution one can trust is always hard to find. But when patients attest to an institution's excellent service and when they start referring it to other people, then you can be sure they have already put their trust in it.

That's how the Manila Doctors Hospital know it has earned the trust of countless patients it has taken cared of the years. One department that's enjoying this trust is its Endoscopy Unit.

Services Patients Trust

The Manila Doctors Hospital's Endoscopy Unit offers procedures such as esophagogastroduodenoscopy, colonoscopy, proctosigmoidoscopy and therapeutic endoscopy such as ERCP and bronchoscopy.

Of these services, the most commonly performed procedures are esophagogastroduodenoscopy, colonoscopy and proctosigmoidoscopy. These procedures are often performed to patients with complaints of abdominal pain, changes in bowel movement, blood in their stools or those who have unexplained weight loss.

The unit is so trusted that most patients of our gastroenterologists advice their friends and relatives to have their endoscopy done here at the Manila Doctors Hospital Endoscopy Unit because of availability of better equipment.

Medical Expertise

Thankfully, the Endoscopy Unit only allows accredited and competent doctors to the above procedures. They are also fellows of the Philippine Society of Gastroenterology and Philippine Society of Digestive Endoscopy and some are also officers and board of directors of the different societies in Gastroenterology in the country. The endoscopy staff are also well-trained and are required to have continuous trainings annually by attending gastrointestinal endoscopy conventions.

To prove the unit's expertise on this procedure, the Manila Doctors Hospital is also an accredited training institution for fellowship in Gastroenterology and Digestive Endoscopy.

In terms of equipment, the endoscopy unit is certainly not behind its peers.

The latest acquisition is the new Transnasal Endoscope, which is the first in the country. This equipment is popular among patients, because of its small size ([illegible] in diameter). There's an ease of insertion and thus, less discomfort to patients. Most of the time, no sedation is needed, hence patients can talk and view the procedure at the same time.

What forms a good part of a patient's eventual well-being is his or her trust in the very people who care for them. And a countless many have proven this at Manila Doctors Hospital.



PhilWeb net income jumped 92% to ₱222.8M in '07

Bacnotan lists '08 priorities



BSP chief says peso to come under pressure this year

BOP surplus seen to support currency

By Doris C. Dumlao

Treasury defers local bond swap

PNOC-EC set to cease San Antonio natural gas plant operations

By Abigail L. Ho

Exchange wants rules on new funds eased

PSE bats for trading of new products to compete with advanced markets



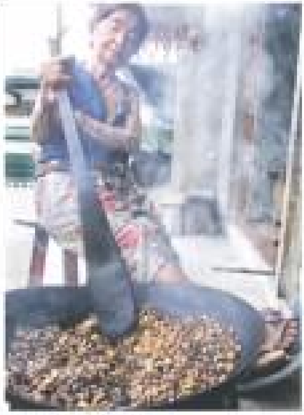
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RCBC attracts new investors

Clark airport bags more Macau flights

Air talks positive, says CIAA president

"The 6,500 seats equate to five flights



'Malunggay' answer to raging food vs fuel debate, DA says



MALUNGGAY

ADB meets with food on agenda



Microsoft raises offer for Yahoo above $31

Bush says US on its way to better days

GREAT PROFIT EXPECTATIONS

Profits, data could extend awaited gains on Wall Street

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InfoTech



Dell's new PC line designed for small businesses

By Raquel P Gomez

DELL, CURRENTLY AMONG the top 3 global manufacturers of business and consumer PCs and notebooks, has now shifted its attention to the growing small-to-medium businesses (SMBs) by introducing a new line-up of PCs and notebooks for this specific segment.

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E-commerce made easy with MySQL

By Riza T Olchondra

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True value for money to be had with new line of laser printers



By Raquel F Gomez

ALONGSIDE THE ANNOUNCEMENT of a new integrated worldwide logo, Fuji Xerox Printers, which pioneered multi-function printers, has launched two laser printers intended for small-to-medium businesses (SMBs).

Fuji Xerox officials said the DocuPrint C1110B and DocuPrint C1110 printers are positioned to meet the increasing demand of SMBs, most of which still lack the IT manpower, for quality printers that are low-cost and easy to use.

The officials also said that more consumers are already shifting to laser printers from inkjet printers as the cost of laser printers and their total cost of ownership (TCO) have been on a continuous decline.

"We have seen a surge in the number of color laser printers sold in the past two to three years, and we expect this trend to continue for (some time) as more businesses use color printers to enhance their business documents," said Noelle Gonzales, business development manager, Fuji Xerox Printers.

DocuPrint C1110B and DocuPrint C1110 printers are surprisingly small—with a height of 38.5 cm, each occupies only a space of 40cm by 41 cm.

For small footprint printers, however, the DocuPrint models deliver powerful features like Fuji Xerox patented singlepass color engine, a 333 MHz processor, a 128 MB memory, and print resolutions of up to 9600 by 600 dpi.

Both printers offer a plug and play installation process without the need of IT specialists to set up the devices. Even the replacement of toner cartridges has been simplified, reducing effort and worry, and ink staining on one's hands or sleeves—a problem that still mars other laser printers.

Vincent Sim, Fuji Xerox regional marketing manager, said both models are "value for money" products, which means they cost around P38,000 and the running cost per page printed is P1 for black printout and P7 for the color printout.

The DocuPrint models also feature the "analyzer function," a printer management software that manages printing usage with a small workgroup. For example, the printer administrator can only allow monochrome or black and white printout for a certain employee, or even set the number of prints for this employee for a day.

"This feature is really cost saving, as ninety percent of employees only print emails or spreadsheets that don't really need colors," said Sim.

This function also carries with it an accounting feature that enables detailing of usage by individuals or work groups.

"The printer churns out an accounting report at the end of the day," said Sim.

The "secure print" feature allows only confidential documents that are stored in the printer memory to be printed only after entering a personal password at the control panel.

With 65,000 printers sold in the country last year, Fuji Xerox said the company has already achieved 115 percent growth in the local laser printer market. Sim said the company enjoys a 31-percent market share in color printers, second to HP which holds a 33-percent share.

Dell's new PC line designed for the small business

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V1200 laptops

digest of hard drive, and comes with a Windows OS.

The Vostro line already features tools that will help the SMBs accomplish common time consuming tasks such as data backup and optimization of system performance.

The Dell automated PC Tune-Up, for example, does tuning, performance and security tasks with one click of a button. Dell's Network Assistant simplifies the set-up, monitoring, troubleshooting and repair of a customer's network.

Dell also offers the optional DataSafe Online for online backup of up to 50 gigabytes of user data and protection against data loss that may come from disasters, theft or damage.

The new line of Vostro, a term which means "yours" in Latin, is an addition to Dell's already established products. Dell's consumer models, both laptop and desktop, are called Inspiron, a name formerly reserved only for laptops. For large business needs, the models are still called Latitude, Optiplex or Precision, while high performance consumer models used for gaming, or editing of videos or graphics are called XPS.

As to the affordability of the products, Dell officials have yet to announce the local prices of the Vostro line. But Dell's US website offers a starting price of $379 for the notebooks and $349 for the desktop.



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Business

Congress prodded on new tax measures

Administrative reforms not enough–Teves

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE COUNTRY'S FINANCE CHIEF HAS ASsured that the government would sustain its fiscal reform program while providing for the needs of the domestic economy amid surging food prices and a tougher financial environment.

This was after President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo admitted last week that the goal of wiping out the budget deficit this year was no longer viable.

In an interview last week, Finance Secretary Margarito Teves said the government was "not obsessed" with balancing the budget this year given unexpected spending pressures. But Teves said the government had a firm resolve on the fiscal consolidation program that had brought back investor confidence in the Philippines over the last few years.

"I think the focus should be in having sufficient resources to support the requirements of the government," Teves said. "These additional needs that have arisen are beyond our control but we'll still aim to work toward our fiscal consolidation."

He said the government would need support from Congress for crucial tax measures, saying increased revenues could not be attained by administrative reforms alone.

With the skyrocketing of rice prices, the government is under pressure to spend more for price subsidy to the poor although the [illegible] strategy is to spend off-budget or to let the state-owned National Food Authority incur a deficit rather than the government itself spending directly.

The finance chief said he did not want people to think that the government was not that obsessed with wiping out the budget deficit at this time that funding requirements were rising because of the unexpected increases in the price of rice, the country's main staple.

"With the additional spending on rice, of course we can still see the consolidated public sector surplus," he said.

At the same time, Teves said escalating pressures on interest rates to rise and on the peso to depreciate against the dollar would cause further pressure on the expenditure side.

Last year, the government was able to save on interest payments because of a favorable financial environment. With the strong peso-dollar exchange rate, it needed less pesos to service foreign debts and because interest rates were at record lows, payments on domestic debts likewise dropped significantly.

With the faster-than-expected increases in consumer prices, however, the market is bidding up interest rates and likewise put a halt to the peso's uptrend.

"But on the other hand, higher inflation and interest rates will also help improve collections," Teves said.

Finance Undersecretary Gil Beltran explained that there were several factors offsetting each other as far as the impact on the 2008 budget was concerned.

"Higher inflation will increase revenues. Higher interest rates will increase expenditures but it will also increase tax [collections] on interest income," Beltran said.

Under the fiscal program for this year, the government is expected to incur P274.73 billion in interest payments or 3.[illegible] percent higher than the interest expenditures a year ago. This will account for about 22 percent of the P1.24-trillion budget for the year.

The projected cost in interest payments assumes an average interest rate of 5.5 percent for 91-day treasury bills, which is only equal to the inflation rate of 4.5 percent assumed by the Interagency Development Budget Coordination Committee (DBCC).

BUSINESS Monday



War for talent rages on

New investments seen to flow in through new road

By Riza T. Olchondra





BUTCH Jimenez breezes through kilometer 38 of the expressway



ABOVE, Andrew Tan of Megaworld gets to wind up the relay before turning over the SCTEX torch to Clark International Airport Corp. president Victor Luciano (right).



Jpepa: The way forward

MAPping the Future

Amb. Albert del Rosario



Baguio outlines celebrations for centennial year

Golf courses, developers ...

War ...





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Golf courses, developers nibble at Asia's rice paddies

THE TOURISTS WHO TEE OFF AT THIS golf course on Bali's west coast are probably unaware that the ground beneath their feet is connected to a global panic over rice supplies.

Once this golf course was a patchwork of rice fields. Now just a few remain, and villagers work as caddies or waiters at Le Meridien Nirwana resort and its Greg Norman-designed greens.

From Bali to Vietnam, rice paddies are being replaced by golf courses, hotels, villas and industrial parks as Asian economies surge ahead, the standard of living rises and locals opt for higher-paying, less labor-intensive work away from farming.

This shift has cut into rice production, a staple food throughout much of the region.

A recent surge in rice prices to historic highs has sparked fears of political unrest in some parts of Asia and highlighted the dilemma faced by Asian governments about how to balance economic growth with food security in the future.

"The call from Malaysia to Indonesia to China is 'return to the land and be a farmer again,'" said Song Seng Wun, regional economist at CIMB-GK Research in Singapore.

"The lesson is, food security is important, but people have forgotten that in their rush to industrialize. Longer term, they have to focus on the fact that all these people have to be fed." In Bali, hotels and other property projects are nibbling away at the picture-postcard rice paddy terraces. Total harvested area for rice, which peaked at nearly 182,000 hectares in 1980, has fallen to 145,000 ha, the agriculture ministry says.

"I don't want any more villas here because if all the land is used for villas, there won't be enough for rice," said I Nyoman Gami, who farms rice on the outskirts of Ubud, in Bali.

Youth see no future in farming

Stunning rice paddy views are a part of Bali's appeal as a tourist destination. Last year, foreign tourists contributed about $5.3 billion to Indonesia's economy with Bali attracting the lion's share, or about 40 percent, of all visitors to the country.

But with tourism forming one of the main economic drivers on this Indonesian island, many Balinese are abandoning the backbreaking work for better-paid, easier jobs. Some Balinese farmers now prefer to hire cheaper labor from the neighboring island of Java to work in their rice fields.

The change is not surprising. Rice farmers spend long hours standing in muddy water, bent double as they plant, weed or harvest their crops.

"Farming is not a good life. You work hard and make a low profit compared with other jobs, for example in tourism," said Wayan Sugita, a farmer in Tabanan, western Bali, who has worked in his family's rice fields all his life.

He fears that when he grows old, his own children won't want to take over the fields, which have been in his family for generations.

"Because of the low profit, the younger generation don't want to be farmers anymore," Sugita said. Thai rice prices have risen nearly threefold to about $1,000 per ton this year. Yet it is mainly middlemen, such as traders and millers, who are best placed to profit from the increase. Farmers rarely reap the benefits as fertilizer prices have gone through the roof cutting into their profits.

In Bali's Badung district, which includes the popular tourist areas of Kuta, Nusa Dua and Seminyak, the local government said it plans to preserve certain areas for rice production and restrict property development.

Rice isn't just food but an important element of Balinese culture. It is still grown using complex irrigation methods and a centuries-old cooperative system known as subak. Balinese make rice offerings to the household gods each morning, and to the rice goddess Dewi Sri during the crop cycle.

Food security and golf

Nearby in the Philippines, the government, alarmed by its inability to feed a fast-growing population, has ordered a halt to the conversion of farmland to other uses.

The Philippines, the world's largest importer of rice, has been hit hard by the surge in rice prices.

It has set a goal to become self-sufficient by 2011 although some experts say the rising population, currently over 88 million and growing over 2 percent a year, poor productivity and a lack of state debt means it is unlikely that the Philippines will be able to meet all its rice needs.

Near Bali's Tanah Lot, golfers are advised to aim clear of rice fields flanking fairways that overlook Pura Tanah Lot, a Hindu temple perched on a rocky outcrop that's cut off from land at high tide and guarded by poisonous sea snakes.

"A creek running in front guards the approach shot, rice paddies left and wetlands short. The well-contoured green must be accurately read to walk away with par," explains the course instructions for the third hole.

Golf courses such as this one have sprung up in paddy fields from Indonesia, to Malaysia, Thailand and even China where Beijing added them to a list of "banned land usage" in 2006.

But hotel resorts and golf courses are not the only threat to farmland and Asia's ability to feed itself in the future.

Vietnam's government wants to speed up economic development, using industrial parks to attract foreign investment.

Since 2000, Vietnam has built about 40 industrial parks using 10,500 ha of the Mekong Delta rice basket and has earmarked a further 40,000 ha of this area for industrial use over the next three years—still, just a small fraction of the 7.2 million ha planted with rice in that area last year.

But with Vietnam's annual inflation hitting 21.4 percent in April—the highest in the region, partly due to surging food prices—Hanoi needs to address land use

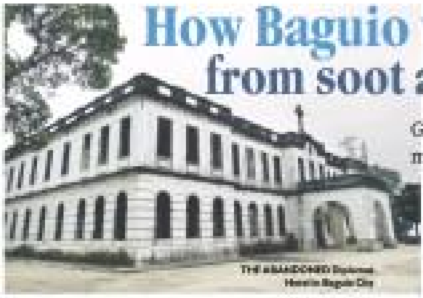
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Business Features Editor Margie Quimpo-Espino



How Baguio was born from soot and glitter

Get facts right from new mining, historical museum



THE ABANDONED Diplomat Hotel in Baguio City



By Vincent Cabreza
Inquirer Northern Luzon
Photos by Eleanor Kristine Onaigin

BAGUIO CITY—IT IS TIME to get the facts straight about the country's mining industry from the proposed Baguio Historical and Mining Museum.

Conservationists and mining industry experts have pooled their resources to develop a museum for the summer capital's centennial celebrations in 2009, which describes how this mountain resort city was born from the soot and glitter of Benguet's colder tunnels.

Philippine Ambassador to Germany Delia Albert led an inaugural presentation of the museum to residents and reporters here on Friday, alongside industry stalwarts like Artemio Disini, chair of the Chamber of Mines of the Philippines, and civic leader Maria Isabel Ongpin, whose late husband, Jaime V. Ongpin, had helped usher a golden age of mining in 1980s.

Jaime Ongpin was the first Filipino president of Benguet Corp., the pioneer Philip-

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Isuzu provides aid to Hospicio de San Jose orphans



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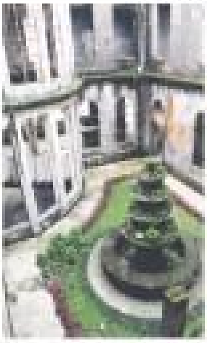


How Baguio was born ...

Four dots

Interactive museum

More good than harm



DIPLOMAT Hotel garden

BUSINESS *Monday*

Microsoft fights piracy through openness

Urges stronger IPR drive in Philippines

By Doris L. Lucas

Popular target

Profound implications

Smart people



MICROSOFT senior vice president and general counsel Brad Smith

LIFESTYLE



Expressing 'Filipino-ness' in today's lifestyle

Just as there's comfort food, there's 'comfort architecture' for Filipinos—see Amarela and Panglao resorts in Bohol, Casa Escaño in Cebu

PRIDE OF PLACE



Augusto F. Villalon

THERE IS AN ELUSIVE BUT palpable quality that proclaims our Filipino-ness, the identity that differentiates us from all others.

Amarela





Expressing 'Filipino-ness' . . .







New gallery pays tribute to masters







Unique drawings show universality of Simon Flores' art

Untitled drawings from the collection of Teyet Pascual show the master's agrarian sympathies



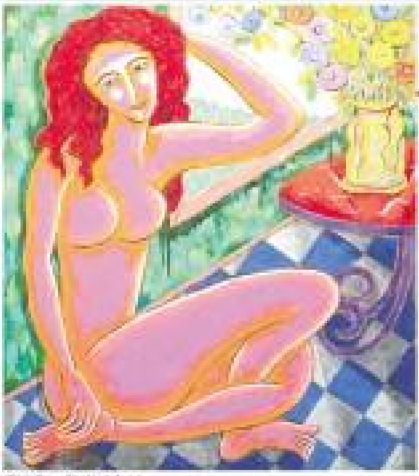
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LifeStyle



"Pink Figure," by Mario Parial

Singapore sets largest auction of Philippine art abroad

50 Filipino paintings include rare works

THE LARGEST number of Philippine paintings ever put together for international auction opens on the third weekend of May in Singapore.

The treasure trove of works by Filipino masters and contemporary young artists includes a Who's Who in Philippine art.

There'll be three rare works by Federico Aguilar Alcuaz during the '70s in Barcelona.

Rendered in abstract assemblage, these paintings were inspired by Alcuaz's European stay [illegible] images and scenes.

The 1977 Alcuaz painting, "Mirroring Landscape and Still Life" was selected by [illegible] to be the cover of the set of catalogues. Philippine exhibition.

Thirty paintings of Filipino artists will be included in the Southeast Asian Modern and Contemporary Art auction on May 17, Suntec International Convention and Exhibition Centre, 1 Raffles Blvd, Suntec City, Singapore.

Viewing of the artworks will be on May 15-16.

Also included are two unique works by Juvenal Sanso: "The Performance" by National Artist Arturo Luz, "Sunrise," a rare work by National Artist H.R. Ocampo; two glass sculptures by Ramon Orlina; Mario Par[illegible]

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"PASSIONATELY" by Jayson Samson



"BESTFRIENDS," by Elmer Cagandahan

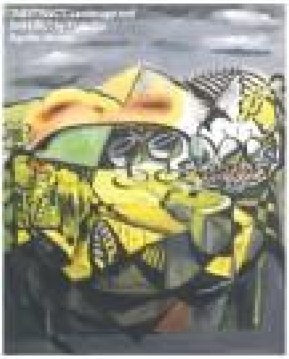
Singapore sets largest auction . . .



"Gift Your Mark," by Stephen Pesuelas



"Cat Fight," by Aileen Lunara



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al's "Pink Series") and a 80x78-in acrylic on canvas by Lydia Velasco called "Women at the Back." (Velasco's piece at the Larasati April 13 auction in Singapore sold at S$35,400, or P810,400, almost five times the minimum estimate).

Other Filipino works to be auctioned are by Eugenio Bayani IV, Domingo Rubio, Jerry Morado, Edwin Frei Reyes, Stephen Pesuelas, Vincent de Pio, Aileen Lunara, Elmer Cagandahan, Orlando Cagandahan, Chabeve di Lorenzo, Carlo Dapdapagan, Randy Solon, Grant Dueñas, Jayson Samson, Jonna Mariano, Brian Caruso and Cris Villanueva.

Twenty paintings of contemporary young Filipino artists will be included in the Southeast Asian Contemporary art auction on May 17. These are works by Don Salubayba, Rawayan de Guia, Patricia Bustamante, Geraldine Javier, Mariano Ching, Ronald Ventura, Louie Cordero, Leonilo Doloricon, Juanito Torres, Rodel Tapaya Garcia, Alfredo Esquillo Jr., Maya Muñoz, Yasmin Ching, Elaine Roberto-Navas, Jose Alcantara, Jayson Oliveria, Gerardo Tan, Lyra Abueg Garcellano, Wire Tuazon, Jose Legaspi, Winner Jumalon and Kiko Escora.

Borobudur started its auctions in Singapore four years ago. Borobudur is the name of the most famous Indonesian architectural monument. This is the temple built by the Syailendra Dynasty in 800 A.D. and is considered in Southeast Asia as one of the most valuable pieces of artwork ever created.

Today the Borobudur auctions have expanded to jewelry and watches and Chinese contemporary art—a total of five categories.

Filipino art collectors can actually bid from Manila either through fixed bids, phone bids or by attending the auctions. For inquiries, contact 7250418 or 0922-2362773 or visit www.borobudur-auctions.com.

What the third eye sees





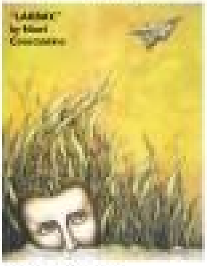
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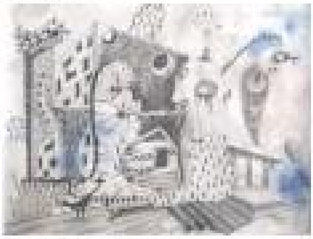
Canada-based Pinoy artists at Ayala

E.R. Tagle workshop

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Art classes for kids at Quattrocento



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LIFESTYLE

Antique celebrates pride of place and history

Text and photos by Raquel P Gomez

Binirayan celebrates the province's mythical founding by Bornean refugees



Great moments for Filipino artists in Europ

By Pablo A. Tariman

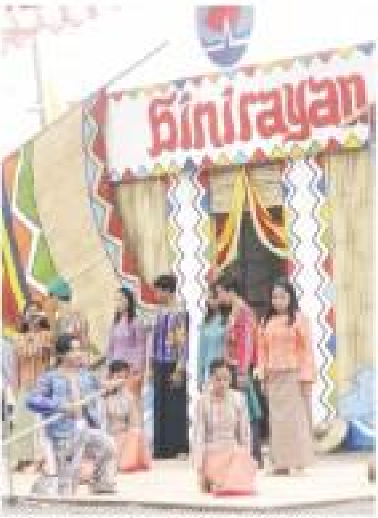
European critics marveled at violinist Carmencita Lozada's "volcanic temperament and... exotic spar


CARMENCITA Lozada

Double victory

Here and there

Antique celebrates pride of place a



MUSICAL drama depicts the journey of the 10 datus to reach Antique shores.




GIRLS ON GUITARS: Music is very much part of Antique culture.

Antique finds


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LYING ON THE WESTERN SIDE of Panay island, Antique can be reached by a two-hour drive on mountainous but paved roads from the new airport in Cabatuan, Iloilo.

Where to stay


BINIRAYAN crowd

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Raul Isidro holds 40th year retrospective







LIFESTYLE



SPEED RACER

From comic book to the big screen

FROM DIRECTORS Wachowski brothers and producer Joel Silver, creators of the groundbreaking "The Matrix" trilogy, comes the high-octane family adventure "Speed Racer."

Fans of "Speed Racer" span generations and cultures. The original "Speed Racer" cartoon TV series was born out of a Japanese manga (comic book) series, created by animé pioneer Tatsuo Yoshida, titled "Pilot Ace."

In 1967, the comic evolved into a Japanese television show named "Mach Go Go Go," followed by the English-dubbed, American adaptation, "Speed Racer," six months later.

"The original 'Speed Racer' was the Wachowski brothers' introduction to Japanese animation," reveals Silver. "Larry and Andy were fascinated by the stories, action and unique visual style of the series, all of which were so remarkably different from that of the other cartoons on TV during that time. They went on to become big fans of 'Speed Racer,' as well as of Japanese animé as a whole."

"Speed Racer" was an instant hit across the US, capturing the imagination of young American audiences with its blend of rollicking car action, international intrigue, family values, teen romance and irreverent humor.

Unlike anything they had seen, "Speed Racer" featured the young and determined hero who triumphed against unscrupulous competitors while racing around the world in his powerful and ultra sleek Mach 5.

Several incarnations

Over 40 years and several TV incarnations later, the story of Speed Racer and his adventures in the Mach 5 have been reimagined for the big screen by the Wachowski brothers, employing not only spectacular visual effects and high-flying action, but also cutting-edge photography techniques and state-of-the-art computer-generated imagery.

When the main cast of "Speed Racer" arrived at Babelsberg Studios in Berlin, the Wachowski brothers gave the actors a first look at the world they would be entering, including paintings, storyboards and artwork, as well as an extended pre-vis (3D storyboard animation) of a race sequence.

"Watching the pre-vis sequence was humbling," states Emile Hirsch, who stars in the title role of Speed Racer. "It was amazing to see how much work had already been done on this film before we even started shooting. It didn't feel sci-fi, like 'The Matrix' films. It felt more magical. It's more about colors than darkness."

"There were 12 actors in the room, and I guarantee you, it's a rare occasion when so many actors are in a room together and completely speechless," recalls Matthew Fox, who plays Racer X.

"Everyone was looking at each other, completely blown away. It was pretty exciting. There are very few times in life when you're part of a project that is endeavoring to do something that's never been done, and this was one of those times."

Distributed by Warner Bros., "Speed Racer" will be simultaneously released in Imax Theater at the SM Mall of Asia and conventional theaters in cinemas across the Philippines on May 8.



EMILE Hirsch is "Speed Racer"





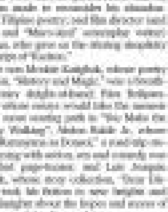
Writing, trouble-free, in Baguio



THE FELLOWS

Writers safe and harmless

spooky stories



15 fellows to 15th Iligan Workshop

Stephenie Meyer's literal soul-searching

By Rod E. De Pere





The 'Twilight' author melds romance and sci-fi in the strangely sweet 'The Host'

How to make your family wear sunblock daily

By Ameet Mayer



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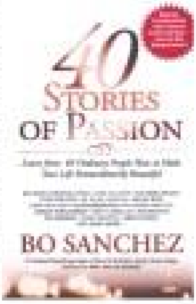
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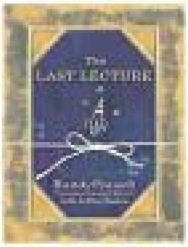
Randy Pausch, PhD
Imagineer and Engineer

What I've learned

Long-lasting lessons are quotable quotes

Last lecture, last book, last hurrah

By Cholo Banal-Formoso



THE BOOK version, a ...



CANCER ... Pausch talks about fulfilling his childhood dreams of ... in the World Book encyclopedia and being a Disney Imagineer at the Carnegie Mellon "Journeys" series of lectures.

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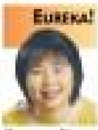
UNIVERSITY OF THE EAST SYMPOSIUM

Course for would-be CSI?

Computer-free preschool classrooms

Queen of the Universe

I FIRST MET Reinabelle "Reina" Reyes in my Ateneo Junior Summer Seminar mathematics class. An incoming senior at the Philippine Science High School, she attended the seminar with talented peers from other institutions.



Queena N. Lee-Chua

Reina was one of the best. [illegible]

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Dreaming of quasars

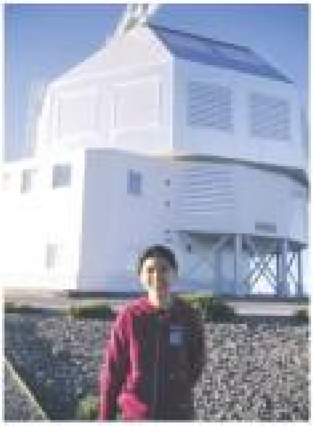
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Cool instruments

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Highest quality

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REINA Reyes stands before a Magellan Telescope, ready to observe the universe in the 2007 photo at Las Campanas Observatory in the Atacama Desert, Chile.

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Queena N. Lee-Chua is professor of Mathematics and Psychology at Ateneo de Manila University. [illegible]

Assignment: DepEd

More funds for education of 'future scientists and leaders'

By Jerry E. Esplanada

THE COUNTRY'S 17 REGIONAL science high schools will get a much-needed [illegible]

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Class of 2008

WE ASKED THREE OF THE BRIGHTEST STUDENTS IN THE country, members of the class of 2008 of the Philippine Science High School, what they think they would be doing 10 years from now, and here are their answers.



Chiara Rosario Julia V. Lanuza, 17,

[illegible]



Marvin Paolo Ambrosio, 18,

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Juan Gabriel S. Oblepias, 17

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Last lecture, last book . . .

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Let there be more science centers

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CALIFORNIA Science Center CEO Jeffrey Rudolph

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Who bugged the president? And why?

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Do I have a shot at the truth?



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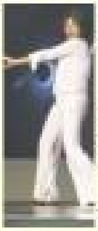
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'Iron Man': Knight in hi-tech armor



REVIEW

US 'Deal' viewers set to hear Mandel speaking in Filipino

Why RP special airs ahead of 2 others

By Marinel R. Cruz

WHEN HOWIE MANDEL, host of "Deal or No Deal" in the US, co-hosted an episode with Philippine counterpart Kris Aquino, the Canadian-born comedian was taught to call the show's American contestants "pare."

Mandel was also coached on ordering the briefcase models, locally known as the 26K Girls, to open the cases by saying, "Buksan mo na!"

Mandel's four-day visit to Manila in April was part of the show's three-country tour. His two other stops were Estonia and South Africa. The Philippine episode will be aired in the US May 5 (tomorrow, Manila time), not May 7 as earlier set.



MANDEL orders the briefcase models to open the cases by saying, "Buksan mo na!"

Quiapo side trip

ABS-CBN business unit head Rosa Almadro said the network received word on the change of schedule from Endemol, the show's producers, late Friday. "The producers said they loved the episode so much, they decided to air our version ahead of the two," Almadro told Inquirer Entertainment on Saturday.

Part of Mandel's RP tour was a visit to Quiapo, Manila. Accompanied by the 26K Girls, Mandel also drove a pedicab around the ABS-CBN compound. Plus, he tried working in a private bay for a nearby grocery store.

Mandel was originally scheduled to visit Intramuros, Rizal Park, the Kalah Sulayman Park, Mall of Asia and the Cultural Center of the Philippines. These were "called off due to time constraints."

Taping

On April 24, American contestants were made to play the game according to the rules of the Philippine version. One step over Mandel and the 26K Girls were part of the show. The taping began at 4 p.m.

Recalled Almadro, "Towards the end of the taping, Howie thanked the staff and the audience for their energy. He said he was amazed at all the cheering and clapping in the local version."

Almadro said the teaser for the Philippine episode began airing in the US last week. She added that ABS-CBN is working on a deal with Endemol for the episode to be shown here, too.

She also said the third season of "Kapamilya, Deal or No Deal" is still under negotiation. "It's very expensive to buy a US show and air it here," she explained.

The show last aired on Jan. 11 this year, to give way to the second Philippine version of "Wheel of Fortune," which Aquino also hosts.

"Deal or No Deal" debuted in the Netherlands in 2002. It is now seen in more than 50 countries.

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Miss RP Earth heat is on

By Arnie Adina

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MISS Cebu City Karla Henry, left, and Miss Candelaria Kris Lazaro, right, ... during their presentation to media last week.

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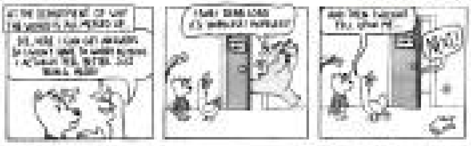
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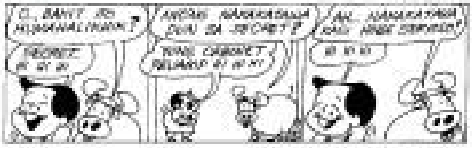


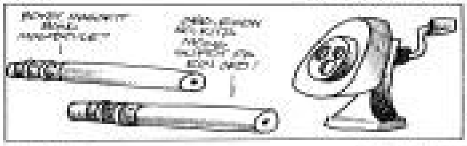


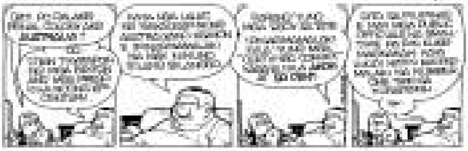


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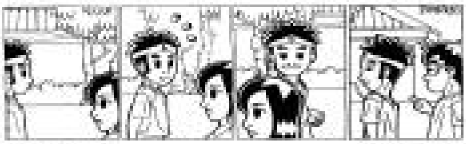




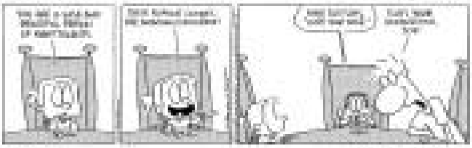


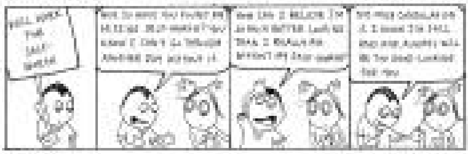
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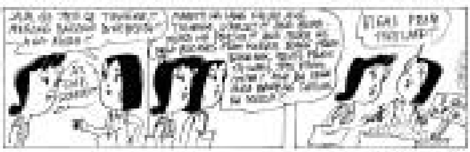


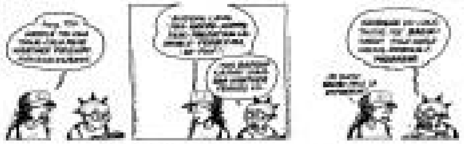


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STA. ROSA

1 IRON MAN
2 IRON MAN
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LIPA

1 IRON MAN
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DASMARIÑAS

1 IRON MAN
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IMUS

1 IRON MAN
2 IRON MAN
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ANGELES

1 IRON MAN
2 WHEN LOVE BEGINS
3 FORBIDDEN KINGDOM
4 IRON MAN

STARMILLS

1 WHEN LOVE BEGINS
2 WHEN LOVE BEGINS
3 FORBIDDEN KINGDOM
4 DOOMSDAY
5 IRON MAN
6 IRON MAN

BACOLOD

1 IRON MAN
2 WHEN LOVE BEGINS
3 IRON MAN
4 FORBIDDEN KINGDOM
5 STEP UP 2
6 SHUTTER

ILOILO

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6 FORBIDDEN KINGDOM

Artistry is fine, but accessibility is key

VIEWFINDER



Nestor U. Torre

> Certainly, the acting is fine, but 'Ploning' fails in a few other aspects

[illegible]

Asian superstar in 'Speed Racer'

[illegible]

Feedback

[illegible]

'Sisterhood' sequel

[illegible]

Happy deal: KC-Richard times two

DID YOU KNOW...

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Old rockers never die ... they just keep going

By Pocholo Concepcion

OLD ROCKERS NEVER DIE.



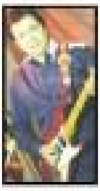
Review

There's virtue in looking back

Who's that girl?



BERT de Leon



RAMON Jacinto